used for commercial purposes connected with the port activities.

Export Processing Zones

2960. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some more Export Processing Zones in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to set up more Export Proceising Zones.

Indian Investment Centre

2961. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDAREE:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to stregthen the Indian Investment Centre to encourage large scale foreign investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The performance of Indian Investment Centre is reviewed from time to time and necessary measures taken regarding its role in mobilizing foreign investment.

[*Translation*]

Women Judges in High Courts

2962. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:
DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not filling up the vacant posts of judges in various High Courts, particulary in Gujarat High Court;

(b) the number of vacant posts filled up during the last six months, court-wise; and

(c) whether adequate number of vacancies are not being filled up from amongst the senior lady advacates in the High Courts, particularly in Gujarat High Court; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). A statement indicating the appointments made in the High Courts from 1.9.1991 till date is attached.

For filling up the vacant posts in the Higth Courts the process of consultation among the Constitutional authorities concerned has been expedited.